Rehabilitation of Child Labour in Gujarat

2392. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stated any major programme for rehabilitation of child labour working in hazardous occupations in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any project has also been sanctioned to the State for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what other welfare measures Government propose to extend to the child labour in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (e) Under the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) being implemented in Child Labour endemic States, 2 projects were sanctioned in Gujarat in the districts of Panchamahals and Surat for covering 1000 children each respectively. NCLPs are implemented through a project society set up under the Chairpersonship of the District Collector. A major activity undertaken under the NCLPs is the establishment and running of special schools to provide non-formal education, vocational training, supplementary nutrition, stipend, health care to children withdrawn from employment. As the projects were not operational, they have been closed.

Factory Workers in the Country

2393. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of workers (Factory Employment) in the country during the period of 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

दिल्ली में महिला पोलिटैक्नीक कालेजों से पोलिटैक्नीक में डिग्री

2394. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1997 और 30 नवम्बर, 1998 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार दिल्ली में महिला पोलिटैक्नीक कॉलेजों से कितनी महिलाओं ने पोलिटैक्नीक में डिग्री प्राप्त की;

(ख) इनमें से आज तक कितनी महिलाओं को रोजगार उपलब्ध हो पाया है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली और अन्य राज्यों में पोलिटैक्नीक में डिग्री प्राप्त बेरोजगार महिलाओं की संख्या में वृद्धि हो रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो पोलिटैक्नीक में डिग्री प्राप्त महिलाओं की बेरोजगारी को दूर करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं अथवा उठाए जाएंगे?

श्रम मंत्री (डा० सत्यनारायण जटिया): (क) डिप्लोमा पाठ्यक्रम केवल पोलिटैक्नीकों में ही उपलब्ध है। दिल्ली की पोलिटैक्नीकों में वर्ष 1997 एवं 1998 के दौरान डिप्लोमा प्राप्त करने वाली महिलाओं की संख्या क्रमशः 237 व 375 थी।

(ख) वर्ष 1997 व 1998 की इन डिप्लोमाधारी महिलाओं में से रोजगार पाने में सफल होने वालों की संख्या क्रमशः 110 तथा 94 थी।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) सरकार सेवाकालीन प्रशिक्षण एवं नियोजन हेतु उद्योगों के संपर्क में है। उद्योगों की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति से संबंधित परिवर्तनों को शामिल करने हेतु पाठ्यक्रमों में नियमित रूप से संशोधन किया जाता है।

EPF Deposits

2395. SHRI GURUDAS DAS-GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Provident Fund provides that the funds of EPF will vest with the Board of Trustees yet Government take decisions as to how and where the funds should be deposited;

(b) whether the rules can be in violation of the Act as the rules provide

that Government will decide as to how the funds should be invested;

(c) whether Government will amend the rules in conformity with the Act; and

(d) when will Government sanction 12½ per cent interest for PF pension corpus?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Under Sector 5(1A) of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellanenous Provisions Act, 1952, the Fund vests in and is administered by the Central Board of Trustees, EPF Clause 6 of Scheduled II of the Act empowers the Central Government to issue directions or laydown conditions for investment of PF moneys. The rules framed by the Central Government about investment of PF money are already in accordance with the provisions of the Act and as such the question of amending the rules in this regard does not arise.

(d) The proposal to enhance the rate of interest on the Pension Fund deposited in the public account has not been found acceptable by the Government.

Closure of Mills and Factories

2396. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many mills and factories category-wise i.e. large, medium and small are closed or have been declared sick on 31st August, 1998;

(b) how many workers and staff are rendered unemployed as a result of closure; and

(c) how many workers and staff have become idle or temporarily out of employment due to closure of sickness?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Total number of units which have been closed upto 31st August, 1998 and the total number of workers affected as a result of this since, 1995 is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below). Category-wise information on closure/ sickness of large, medium & small industries is not being maintained separately.

Statement

Number of Permanent Closures and Workers Affected thereby in Manufacturing Industry during the year 1995 to 1998 (Jan. to Aug.)

Year	Industry	No. of Units	Workers affected
1995	Manufacturing	155	13482
	Others	28	1013
	Total	183	14495
1996	Manufacturing	191	10831
	Others	13	559
	Total	204	11390
1997	Manufacturing	136	12344
	Others	18	600
	Total	154	12944
1998(P)	Manufacturing	57	2436
	Others	5	39
	Total	62	2475

P = Provisional

Source : Labour Bureau, Shimla